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In re application of: Osman Attorney Docket No.: 003.0001

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For: **SQUARE ULTRA THRUST REVERSER**

PETITION TO ACCORD A FILING DATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.53

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner:

The applicant, Mr. Osman, wishes to obtain the filing date of March 27, 2001 for a non-provisional application, which was previously submitted to the US Patent and Trademark Office by the applicant, but apparently not properly received or entered by the PTO because no filing

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receipt was sent. Applicant has up until to this point represented himself in this matter, and has now appointed me to act on his behalf. The facts are as follows:

Mr. Osman filed a provisional patent application entitled "SQUARE ULTRA THRUST REVERSER" in March, 2000. Mr. Osman subsequently received a filing receipt indicating the application had been granted a filing date of March 27, 2000, and a serial number of 60/192,337, and that the application included one drawing. With the filing receipt was a Notice to File Missing Parts, which applicant responded to in June of 2000 by filing a statement claiming small entity status. Copies of the Provisional application, Filing receipt, Notice to file missing parts, and small entity statement are enclosed herewith. A copy of the drawing that was part of the provisional application is not included, but could be retrieved if needed from the Applicant, or alternatively from the PTO file wrapper.

In March, 2001 Mr. Osman submitted to the PTO by Certified US mail a non-provisional patent application, properly addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents. The application contained a specification containing description pursuant to 37 CFR 1.71, two claims pursuant to 37 CFR 1.75, and a number of drawings pursuant to 37 CFR 1.81(a). The application also included a reference back to the earlier filed provisional application, along with a check in the amount of \$250.00 for the filing fee. Mr. Osman subsequently received the certified mail receipt, date stamped by the PTO Mail Center as having been received March 27, 2001. Mr. Osman has received no further communication from the Patent office regarding the non-provisional application. In November, 2001, Mr. Osman submitted a revised copy of the first page of his non-provisional patent application containing a new home address, along with a cover letter dated November 1, 2001. Again no response was received from the PTO. Copies of the Non-Provisional application, and the date stamped Certified Mail receipt are enclosed.

In May, 2002, Mr. Osman contacted a Ms. Velora Dillard at the PTO, requesting her help with the non-provisional filing date. Ms. Dillard subsequently contacted me, however she was unable to locate the application, and recommended to me that Mr. Osman petition for the filing date.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that a complete non-provisional application was properly submitted to, and received by the PTO, as evidenced by the certified mail receipt date stamped March 27, 2001. Applicant further submits that the non-provisional application included adequate reference to the earlier filed provisional application. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the non-provisional application mailed in March 2001 be accorded the filing date of March 27, 2001, and granted priority to the provisional application S/N 60/192,337 filed March 27, 2000.

Also enclosed herewith is a revised claim set that applicant wishes to have replace the two claims in the non-provisional application as originally filed. Applicant submits that the new claim set is fully

supported by the specification and drawings of the non-provisional application, and that no new matter is added. In the event that the Examiner cannot accord the filing date of March 27, 2001 for the non-provisional application as requested, Applicant hereby requests that the copy of the non-provisional application and revised claim set submitted herewith be considered as a new application filed as of the Express Mail date of this petition.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail, please telephone the undersigned at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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